

### **Amendment To The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (currently amended) A method for deterring duplicate printing of a first image comprising:

receiving a request relating to the first image from a client system;

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of a sample image to a portion of a program display window in the client system that is visible to the user, wherein the sample image is of a similar type as the first image; and

providing data to the client system for forming at least a portion of the first image to a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.

2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a shipping label having a postage indicia comprising a postage indicia code;

the sample image comprises a sample shipping label having a sample postage indicia;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system program is provided by a first web server.

3. (currently amended) The method of claim 2, wherein the sample shipping label includes a sample indicator and wherein the web browser application automatically closes the display window within a first period of time after the display window is launched.

4. (original) The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein  
the formatting instructions prevent user access to the second frame.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
providing formatting instructions to the client system, wherein  
the formatting instructions prevent user access to a non-visible portion of the  
client system program window.
6. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:  
the sample image is an image file using an image file format selected from the  
group: GIF, BMP, TIFF, JPEG, PIX, PNG and PCX; and  
the sample indicator comprises an indication to the user that the label is not  
valid for postage.
7. (original) The method of claim 3 wherein:  
the sample indicator comprises an overlay for obscuring the postage indicia of  
the sample label.
8. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:  
the sample image has the same dimensions as the first image.
9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the sample image comprises the first image and a superimposed sample  
indicator.
10. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:  
providing a first logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program  
window for receiving an indication of a sample print request; and

providing a second logic indicator in the visible portion of the client system program window for receiving an indication of a non-sample print request.

11. (previously amended) The method of claim 10 further comprising:  
receiving at least one indicator from a user indicating whether the non-sample print request was successful.

12. (original) The method of claim 11 further comprising:  
determining whether the received indicators indicate that a threshold of print failures has been reached; and  
if the threshold of print failures has been reached, providing an indication that the print request is invalid.

13. (original) The method of claim 12 wherein:  
the first logic indicator and second logic indicator are presented in a second visible frame.

14. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein:  
the first image includes image portions obtained from a second web server; and  
the sample image comprises image portions obtained from a second web server.

15. (previously amended) The method of claim 4 wherein  
the formatting instructions prevent scrolling and resizing of the client system program window, thereby preventing user access to the second frame.

16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:  
the first image comprises a document of value;  
the sample image comprises a sample document of value;  
the client system program comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

17. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein

the document of value comprises a document selected from the group: ticket, receipt, article, report, financial instrument and contract.

18. (original) The method of claim 16 wherein the sample image includes a sample indicator.

19. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein:

the first image comprises a document of value;

the sample image comprises an image related to the document of value;

the client system comprises a web browser application;

the web browser application provides a visible portion of a page for displaying a first frame including the sample image;

the web browser application provides a non visible portion of the page for displaying receiving a second frame including the first image; and

the data provided to the client system is provided by a first web server.

20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein

the sample image is a portion of the document of value.

21. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein

the sample image is an article abstract.

22. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program display window that is not visible to the user.

23. (original) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.

24. (original) The method of claim 16 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.

25. (original) The method of claim 19 further comprising:

providing a mechanism to control printing of at least a portion of the client system program window that is not visible to the user.